

SOUTH AMERICAN COUNCIL ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING MINISTERS DECLARATION

The Ministers of the South American Council on Infrastructure and Planning (COSIPLAN) of the South American Union of Nations (UNASUR), gathered in Brasília, on November 30, 2011, at the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Council:

- 1. Confirm their willingness to keep offering high level support to the strategic discussion, among the Member States of UNASUR, to the integration of the regional physical infrastructure, in the light of the principles and rules established in the Constitutive Treaty of the Union, of the Statute and of the Regulations of COSIPLAN.
- 2. Agree that the issue of the integration of the physical infrastructure plays a central role in the process of the South-American integration, taking into account that its potential for the creation of new perspectives and synergies for cooperation overcome asymmetries, promote the social and economic development and ensure the well-being of South-Americans.

- 3. Agree on the constitution of an integrated space that favors, in a strategic manner, the rapprochement of the South American countries in political, economic, social, cultural and environmental aspects, as well as consolidates the global insertion of South America in an increasingly demanding environment, and promotes the South American identity and the global geopolitical projection of UNASUR.
- 4. Emphasize the importance of implementing open digital television and communications systems as integration tools and national and regional cultural content-generators, of social, education and technological inclusion for all people of the region, and search for the South-American convergence on this issue.
- 5. Recognize the importance of developing the 2012-2022 Strategic Action Plan (PAE), aimed at the improvement of tools for execution and conclusion of projects; incorporation, in the shortest possible time, of mechanisms of social participation; attention to aspects of financing high impact projects; and compatibility of regulatory and institutional frameworks of South American countries. Approve, therefore, the PAE 2012-2022, which will guide Council's decisions over the following years.
- 6. Celebrate the consolidation of the Priority Integration Projects Agenda (API), which comprises 31 structuring projects for the South American integration, with strong potential to boost region's socioeconomic development. Approve, thus, the API, urging the COSIPLAN Steering Committee to do its permanent evaluation and necessary adjustments, expressing the commitment to pay particular attention to the implementation of these projects with the required permanent actions to mitigate their environmental impact.

- 7. Agree to create three Working Groups: i) on South American Railway Integration; ii) on Financing Mechanisms and Guarantees; and iii) on Telecommunications that will operate as bodies to support the Council in their respective thematic areas.
- 8. Agree about the need of establishing COSIPLAN's activities schedule for the following years. Decide, thus, to approve the 2012 Work Plan, to be conducted by the Pro Tempore Presidency of COSIPLAN.

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